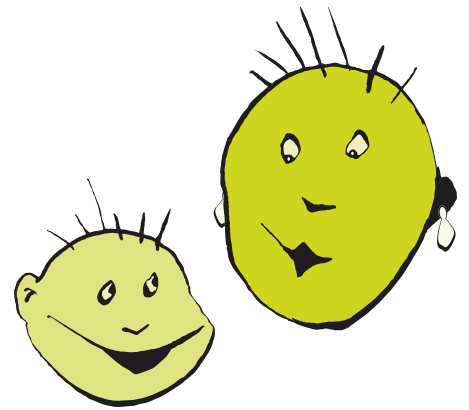


# Let's Talk...<sup>®</sup>

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## When

**While dressing your child...**

## About

talk about the clothes, socks, and shoes your child is going to wear. Chat about what will happen today or what happened yesterday.

**While cooking...**

give your child measuring spoons, plastic bowls, and pans; let her tell you what she is doing with these items. Talk about what you are doing.

**At meal time...**

enjoy this time together by talking. Share what you did today. Encourage your child to talk about his day. Share stories or jokes you heard today.

**At bath time...**

talk about how the water feels and about the bath toys. Identify different parts of her body. Sing a song or say a rhyme.

**At bed time...**

tell stories: about your childhood, about your family, about where you grew up. Share memories of things you have done together.

**While going somewhere...**

describe and have your child describe what he sees. Play "I Spy With My Little Eyes." Count cars.

**At the laundromat...**

identify items of clothing. Ask your child to help you find certain things you need. Have her sort pairs of socks.

## Because

Your voice soothes your baby.

Soon after birth, your baby will turn his head toward the sound of your voice. He is ready to pay attention to you.

That is how your baby learns to talk.

Your baby will imitate the sounds you make. You can have fun imitating the sounds she makes too!

That is how your toddler learns lots of new words.

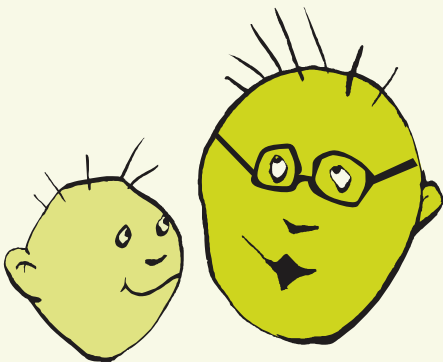
Your toddler repeats the words he hears. Knowing lots of words helps him tell you what he needs and wants.

That is how your preschool child learns all about the world she lives in.

Words represent things and ideas. The more words your child understands, the more she knows.

Talking and listening prepares your child to learn how to read and write.

If your child knows the words and understands what they mean, he will find it easier to learn to read and write.



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